

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
CLASS SPECIFICATION**

Position Title: Firefighter/Paramedic	Job Family: VIII
General Classification: Front-Line	Job Grade:

Definition: To suppress fires, provide advanced life saving and rescue services, and perform fire prevention and other duties in the fire service.

Distinguishing Characteristics: Firefighters/Paramedics work under the immediate supervision of the Fire Captain. In addition to the typical tasks required for the appropriate fire suppression classifications, firefighters/paramedics perform Advanced Life Support (ALS), prehospital emergency medical care and emergency medical assistance to victims of accidents, injuries or illnesses.

Examples of Duties: Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Respond with Company to all alarms and/or emergency calls. Participate in the control and extinguishment of fires.
2. Perform rescues, ventilation, extinguishment, overhaul and salvage activities as assigned.
3. Rescue persons endangered by fires or other hazards.
4. Perform advanced emergency medical services as a paramedic.
5. Conduct fire prevention inspections. Eliminate fire hazards through the enforcement of fire code and fire safety education.
6. Maintain skills and knowledge through participation in training and skill maintenance programs.
7. Maintain firefighting and EMS equipment, fire station and related grounds, facilities and supplies in a clean, orderly and usable condition as assigned.
8. Maintain a level of physical fitness required to perform assigned tasks.
9. Communicate and coordinate emergency medical treatment with other County paramedic personnel.
10. Prepare patient care reports and submit reports concerning medical activities.

11. Train other Fire Department personnel in the use of specialized medical equipment or techniques.
12. Present first-aid training and related programs to the general public.
13. Often required to make decisions affecting life and property without direct supervision.

Minimum Qualifications:

Knowledge of: Advanced Life Support prehospital emergency care techniques, principles and practices; basic human anatomy and physiology; medical terminology, techniques and analytical processes used in the description and assessment of patient status; drug categories, applications, contraindications and appropriate dosage level; procedures and equipment use used in vital sign monitoring; symptoms of impaired cardiac and respiratory functioning; altered state of consciousness; various types of poisoning, shock and common diseases; applicable laws, codes and ordinances.

Ability to: Evaluate condition of a patient(s), take and monitor vital signs, communicate with the Base Hospital and select and implement a course of medical action based on medical protocols and orders.

Experience and Training Guidelines: Any combination of experience and training will qualify if it provides for the required knowledge, abilities and certifications.

Recommended: Equivalent to a high school diploma or GED. Normal hearing and vision, or correctable to a normal level, and good physical condition.

Required Licenses or Certificates: Valid California driver's license with the ability to obtain a Restricted Firefighter Class B California driver's license prior to completion of probation. Must possess an EMT-1 Certificate. In addition, must possess and maintain a valid California Paramedic License and be able to obtain accreditation to operate as a Firefighter/Paramedic in Santa Clara County within six months of appointment.

Working Conditions: Requires intermittent, strenuous physical effort, unavoidable exposure to offensive environment and to potentially heavy and somewhat unpredictable hazards.

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